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PRECEDENCE
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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

ATTENTION: CONSULAR REPORTS OFFICER

FDP LAND SECRETARY DOERING PHONED US THIS MORNING REGARDING BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY OF ARREST WERNER NAUMANN, GUSTAV SCHEEL AND OTHERS ON SUSPICION OF ORGANIZING SUBVERSIVE PLOT. IN RECENT MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS THAT NAUMANN AND SCHEEL ARE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH DOERING. HE ASSERTED THIS MORNING HE HAD NOT SEEN NAUMANN FOR 2 YEARS AND IMPLIED HE WAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SCHEEL. DOERING DENIED THAT ANY OF 6 ARRESTED MEN ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE FDP IN ANY WAY AND EXPRESSED SUSPICION THAT THE LIBERAL WING OF FDP HAD INFLUENCED BRITISH TO MAKE THESE ARRESTS IN HOPES OF DISCREDITING MIDDLEHAUVE WING OF FDP. DOERING ALSO REMARKED HE FELT IT HIGHLY IMPROBABLE THESE MEN HAVE BEEN ENGAGING IN ANY CONSPIRACY SINCE HIS CONTACTS IN RIGHT WING ARE SO EXTENSIVE HE WOULD HAVE HEARD OF SUCH ATTEMPTS.

COMMENT: NRW FDP HAS DEMONSTRATED INCREASING CONCERN LATELY OVER CHARGES IT HAS BECOME NEO-NAZI IN NATURE. DOERING'S REMARKS REFLECT FEAR OF MIDDLEHAUVE GROUP THAT RESULTS OF THESE ARRESTS WILL FURTHER DAMAGE FDP'S REPUTATION IN THIS RESPECT.

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